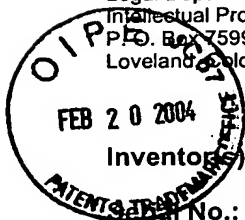


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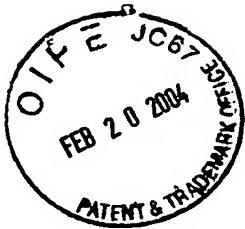
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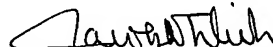
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application before substantive examination as follows:

Amendments to the Specification applies only to page 17, specifically, Tables 3 & 4; the tables were flipped during their insertion into the specification, the substituted page 17 shows the correct data under the appropriate table heading, Applicants include herein one (1) replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.